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## *In Vision*

### **Environment and Conservation employees:**

September offered great opportunities to see a variety of department activities in the field. I traveled with Transportation Commissioner Gerald Nicely and new Personnel Commissioner Deborah Story to Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville and Jackson as we met jointly with TDEC and TDOT staff from those regions. These trips provided the chance for commissioners to hear directly from employees while sharing updates on key priorities within each department. It was also helpful for me in getting to know Deb Story better. Deb was named Personnel Commissioner earlier this year, and I am delighted she has joined Governor Bredesen's Cabinet. She is already hard at work getting to know the people and issues of state government. I look forward to building an even stronger working relationship with the Department of Personnel in the months ahead.



*Commissioner Jim Fyke*

I traveled to every region of the state in September. Along with the TDEC-TDOT meetings, I made the journey to David Crockett State Park in Lawrenceburg to join local business leaders and friends as we discussed the new deluxe cabins that will be built there in the near future. I also made a trip westward to visit with park staff at Chickasaw in Henderson and T.O. Fuller staff in Memphis. Whether it's Park Manager Ronnie Douglas' successful Turtle Rescue Program or PGA Golf Professional John Willoughby's popular golf events, I always enjoy getting down to T.O. Fuller State Park. This past weekend I was also in Shelby County to celebrate National Public Lands Day by opening Riverwoods State Natural Area with the City of Germantown, the Memphis Garden Club and the Wolf River Conservancy.

I didn't need to leave Nashville for one of September's most interesting events. The Middle Tennessee Regional Environmental Forum partnered with others to host world-renowned architect and thinker, William McDonough, at Vanderbilt University on September 26. I truly enjoyed hearing McDonough share his experience and vision for a more sustainable world. I hope our community will build on the enthusiasm that was demonstrated by the overflow crowd that came to hear about the numerous benefits arising from more thoughtful, environmentally sensitive design.

Speaking of positive energy, I want to note that October is Energy Awareness Month. More specifically, October 4 is "Change a Light" Day across the nation. I am joining Governor Bredesen and other state leaders in encouraging Tennesseans to participate in the Energy Star "Change a Light, Change the World" campaign. Governor Bredesen is asking all Tennesseans to join him by taking the Change a Light Pledge to replace at least one incandescent bulb with an Energy Star qualified light bulb. Energy Star qualified light bulbs use at least two-thirds less energy than standard bulbs and last up to ten times longer. Switching to energy-efficient lighting is a simple step we can take to make a difference for our energy resources and our environment, all while saving money on energy bills today. To find out more about the Change a Light pledge, visit [www.energystar.gov/changealight](http://www.energystar.gov/changealight) to complete the online form and join other inspired individuals across the nation committed to saving energy.

I appreciate the various ways department staff support education and outreach on topics like energy efficiency and natural resource conservation throughout the year. Helping people understand how their daily choices impact our shared environment is critical to creating the kind of sustainable world we want for today and for future generations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim".

## Long Street Landfill – A Long Road to a New Beginning in Chattanooga

By Steven R. Stout, TDEC Office of General Counsel

The path to cleanup and renewal at former industrial sites can be long and winding. Wheland Foundry and adjacent heavy manufacturing activities had been major employers in Chattanooga for more than 100 years. The foundries made a wide range of castings for the automotive sector. Unfortunately, the foundry's owners needed to seek bankruptcy protection under Chapter 11 in 2001. Integral to long-time foundry operations was the Long Street Landfill, a 17-acre tract of land used until 2001 for disposal of foundry sand and treated baghouse dust.

Preliminary discussions in 2001 projected a relatively clear path for handling the Long Street Landfill – even through the course of a bankruptcy. However, as nearby foundry buildings were demolished and adjacent lots leveled, ownership also changed hands. Without the existence of the foundries, there was no need for a nearby landfill to dispose of waste that would no longer be generated by closed foundries. The Long Street site itself was already bordered by commercial and residential land use and was not industrial. With closure of the foundries, the area surrounding the Long Street Landfill began changing to match a commercial land use pattern. These changes around the landfill created numerous roadblocks and a situation where many felt there could be no satisfactory resolution for this property.

When things looked most bleak following a failed attempt to buy the landfill and convert it to a construction/demolition waste disposal facility, a new company formed and made a bid to buy the Long Street Landfill. At the end of January 2006, the bankruptcy judge approved this new firm's purchase offer but required that several conditions be met under a deadline to complete the transaction. Acquisition plans hinged on two things. First, the new buyer needed a major portion of the existing financial assurance to pay for closure of the landfill. Second, the design for site closure needed to allow developments such as office buildings over a part of the site. In response, TDEC's Office of General Counsel joined the Attorney General to negotiate a deal that required the insurance company to pay the majority of its outstanding policy amount to the new buyer so that the new owner would take a transfer of the permit while assuming all liability for the closure and post-closure of the site. The insurance company was then released from any further liability.

The new owner is now well into the process of closing part of the site and preparing nearby parcels for redevelopment. The ability to redevelop exists because this site was primarily foundry sand, and it is stable and suitable to support buildings. Unlike a municipal solid waste landfill, there was a broader range of possible reuse options. For more than four years, TDEC's Office of General Counsel facilitated the complex interactions required to complete this complicated transaction. Department staff from Solid Waste Management, Water Pollution Control and Financial Assurance also played critical roles in working through bankruptcy and environmental issues to achieve a successful outcome. As the physical closure work at the Long Street Landfill site nears completion, our department can be pleased with the thoughtful and thorough way TDEC staff resolved these numerous environmental, financial and regulatory issues so this location could be prepared for beneficial reuse as commercial offices.

Key state participants in the transition, closure and renewal for Long Street Landfill include: Marvin Clements and Philip Hilliard from the Attorney General's Office; Rachel Jakubovitz from TDEC's Office of General Counsel; Mike Apple, Glen Pugh, Glenn Birdwell and Joe Hartman from Solid Waste Management; Vojin Janjic and Jim McAdoo from Water Pollution Control; and O.J. Wingfield from Financial Assurance.



*The Long Street Landfill being prepared for development.*

## Partners Celebrate Opening of New Riverwoods State Natural Area

Plentiful sunshine fell on the group celebrating National Public Lands Day and the opening of Riverwoods State Natural Area in Shelby County on September 29. Environment and Conservation Commissioner Jim Fyke was joined at this ribbon cutting by Germantown Mayor Sharon Goldsworthy, Memphis Garden Club President Joy Doggett and Garden Clubs of America President Nancy Godshall who had traveled to Memphis from her home in Houston, Texas.

With a generous gift from the Memphis Garden Club, the State of Tennessee now has a reconfigured state natural area available to the public seven days a week. As one of 75 State Natural Areas in Tennessee, a publicly accessible Riverwoods will serve as a key link to other nearby natural areas, such as Ghost River and Lucius Burch, as well as the Wolf River Greenway.

The City of Germantown's Parks and Recreation Department was instrumental in developing the cooperative management agreement with TDEC's Division of Natural Areas that enabled the installation of Riverwood's new parking area, trailhead, walking trails and interpretive kiosk. These amenities were jointly funded and installed by the City, the Memphis Garden Club and TDEC.

Beyond Riverwoods, this partnership is yielding another significant community benefit through the Memphis Garden Club's land gift of more than 300 acres along the Wolf River to the Wolf River Conservancy. The Conservancy will permanently protect this large urban 318-acre tract from development under a conservation easement held by its partner, Ducks Unlimited. Every one of these involved partners – the Memphis Garden Club, the City of Germantown, the Wolf River Conservancy and Ducks Unlimited – have played important roles to ensure that Riverwoods becomes a State

### What is National Public Lands Day?

It is a time to acknowledge the importance of locally accessible natural resources and how public lands offer environmental learning and a variety of outdoor experiences. Because effective land conservation and stewardship requires goodwill, cooperation and active support of many parties, Commissioner Fyke

chose to spend Public Lands Day recognizing the partnership between the Memphis Garden Club and City of Germantown that enabled a new, publicly accessible Riverwoods State Natural Area. For more information visit [www.neetf.org](http://www.neetf.org).



*Participating in the Riverwoods SNA ceremonial vinecutting were (l-r) Germantown Mayor Sharon Goldsworthy, Memphis Garden Club Environmental Chairwoman Jeanne Arthur, Environment and Conservation Commissioner Jim Fyke, Memphis Garden Club President Joy Doggett and Garden Clubs of America President Nancy Godshall.*



*Germantown Park Ranger Kylee Dunkum (right) provides a tour on grand opening day at Riverwoods SNA.*

Natural Area open for the enjoyment of the public.

"The partnership dialogue between the Memphis Garden Club, the City of Germantown, the Wolf River

Conservancy and other contributors has produced a win-win resolution on the matter of Riverwoods State Natural Area," said Commissioner Fyke. "During my time with the Department of Environment and Conservation, I have seen the Riverwoods partnership move from impasse to possibility to realized potential. Working in good faith, each partner found common ground to identify an innovative and viable outcome for Riverwoods and the entire community."



### State Leaders Celebrate Launch of GM Spring Hill's New Hybrid Saturn VUE

Governor Phil Bredesen and Deputy Commissioner Paul Sloan participated in the General Motors Fuel Friendly event on September 19 at the GM Spring Hill Manufacturing facility in Maury County. This celebration was highlighted by the launch for the automaker's Saturn VUE Green Line, the first hybrid vehicle to be produced in the state. During the launch, the Governor praised General Motors for creating more than 5,000 jobs in Tennessee, expanding the market for hybrid technologies and creating a greater demand for E85 ethanol that will benefit Tennessee farmers and ethanol producers. "I think there are a lot of Americans who would love to purchase a car that's fuel efficient, in part because they're saving money on fuel, but also because they want to do the right thing and help reduce pollution," Bredesen said. "We buy a lot of cars in the state. We probably should try to get some more hybrid cars on the road."

Deputy Commissioner Sloan recognized GM Spring Hill for the role they play as an environmental leader for the state. He noted the comprehensive wildlife management program in place for their plant and GM's partnerships with conservation organizations like The Nature Conservancy. "While we are very excited about GM's innovation and expanded choices for engine and fuel technologies, I am just as grateful for your long-standing commitment to pollution prevention, waste reduction and resource efficiency," said Sloan. "In fact, GM Spring Hill was the first industrial company to achieve the highest level of status in our voluntary Tennessee Pollution Prevention Partnership Program. GM Spring Hill has been a key leader and partner with our department to help us promote effective environmental practices all across Tennessee."

The Governor and other state leaders took advantage of the opportunity to test drive the new hybrid VUE while they were in Spring Hill. "Very good acceleration," said Governor Bredesen. "I think if you didn't know it was a hybrid, and didn't have that gauge to tell you, I think you couldn't tell you weren't driving a normal gas car."



*Deputy Commissioner Paul Sloan congratulates the GM Spring Hill team for their long-standing commitment to environmental stewardship as part of the hybrid VUE launch celebration at the GM Fuel Friendly event in Spring Hill.*



*(l-r) George Kesterson, TDEC Office of Environmental Assistance; Diane Scher, Bridgestone-Firestone North American Tire; Shari Meghreblian, GM Spring Hill; Beth Lowery, General Motors Vice President for Environmental Quality; Dave Hosea, GM Spring Hill; Paul Sloan, Environment and Conservation Deputy Commissioner; Donovan Grimwood, TDEC Office of Environmental Assistance in front of the Tennessee Pollution Prevention Partnership (TP3) booth at the GM Fuel Friendly event in Spring Hill on September 19.*



*Governor Bredesen behind the wheel for a test drive of the new hybrid Saturn Green Line VUE at the GM Fuel Friendly event in Spring Hill. GM Vice President for Environmental Quality Beth Lowery is riding as a passenger with the governor.*

## Biofuels as Potential Source of Job Growth Featured on ECD Panel

Deputy Commissioner Paul Sloan shared *Converting Challenges into Opportunities* on September 13 at the Governor's ECD Conference in Nashville. Paul noted how biofuels have potential to positively impact our national security, rural economic development and public health. The United States is five percent of the global population, but our nation represents 25 percent of global oil consumption. While the U.S. consumption rate continues to increase, our domestic production declines. Imported oil supplies more than 60 percent of our current demand levels. That's 12.5 million barrels imported a day, and millions of these barrels are coming daily from countries with adversarial positions toward the United States. Biofuels, like ethanol and biodiesel, can play a significant role in extending our domestic fuels production and decreasing American dependence on foreign oil sources.

Biofuel development also creates rural jobs, both directly through new production facilities and indirectly through increased demand for corn and soybeans. New biofuel production also creates additional markets for farm products, raising farm income.

Important to our department are the public health and environmental benefits created as ethanol and biodiesel burn cleaner and create reduced pollution emissions. EPA and DOE studies show use of biodiesel in B20 or higher blends results in significantly lower emissions of particulate matter, carbon monoxide, toxic contaminants, sulfur dioxide and hydrocarbons when compared to petroleum diesel. Flexible fuel vehicles running on ethanol in an E85 blend emit less carbon monoxide and other toxic chemicals than those burning conventional gasoline.

For more information visit [www.tdec.net/altfuels](http://www.tdec.net/altfuels).

*Biofuels speakers at the Governor's Economic and Community Development Conference pause for a photo before the panel discussion. (l-r) Jonathan Overly, East Tennessee Clean Fuels Coalition; Environment and Conservation Deputy Commissioner Paul Sloan; Clinton Berry, ECD Energy Division; Diane Mulloy, Milagro Biofuels President; Andrew Couch, West Tennessee Clean Cities Coalition; Dave Pelton, Clean Cities of Middle Tennessee.*



*After speaking to the West Tennessee Clean Cities Coalition in Memphis, Deputy Commissioner Paul Sloan makes time to tour the new Memphis Biofuels production plant. Memphis Biofuels is set to open in October with a target annual output of 36 million gallons of biodiesel made from soybean oil and waste grease. (l-r) Pete Nelson, Biodimensions Inc.; Ken Arnold, Memphis Biofuels CEO/President; Deputy Commissioner Paul Sloan; Parks Wells, Tennessee Soybean Council Executive Director; Peter Kiproff, Memphis Biofuels Plant Manager; Brandon Sheley, Memphis Biofuels Senior Vice President; Bob Harris, TVA; Don Pearson; Andrew Couch, West Tennessee Clean Cities Coordinator; Dave Pelton, Clean Cities of Middle Tennessee Coordinator.*



## Marvin Windows and Doors Receives Highest TP3 Honor

Marvin Windows and Doors in Ripley was honored for achieving Performer Level status in the Tennessee Pollution Prevention Partnership (TP3) environmental leadership program on August 30. Commissioner Fyke presented Marvin team members with a framed certificate of recognition and a green Performer flag for the facility's accomplishments in preventing pollution. Marvin Windows and Doors joins six other industries, a medical center and a school among TP3's highest performers.



*Commissioner Fyke joins Marvin Windows and Doors in raising the TP3 Green Flag following the TP3 Performer recognition ceremony at the Marvin production facility in Ripley. (l-r) Greg York, Marvin Director of Door Operations; Jere Wright, Marvin Safety & Security Specialist; Lori Munkeboe, Office of Environmental Assistance Director; Environment and Conservation Commissioner Jim Fyke; Mike Codega, Marvin VP of Operations; Walker Harmer, Marvin Facility Environmental Engineer; Kent Carter, Marvin Director of Human Resources; Al Cash, UT Center for Industrial Services*

## Department Hosts Cultivating Pollution Prevention (P2) Conference

The Office of Environmental Assistance (OEA) was pleased to plan and host the third Tennessee Pollution Prevention (P2) Conference on September 13-15 at Montgomery Bell State Park. The 2006 conference featured a name change from "Planting P2" to "Cultivating P2" to represent the maturing of the partnership, the conference and the commitment to pollution prevention and sustainability across the state.

Cultivating P2 was a great forum for companies, organizations and institutions from across the state to learn, network and benchmark their successes. Several other state agencies including Transportation, Education, Health and Agriculture participated as well. TDEC was well represented with field office directors, senior staff, environmental coordinators and OEA staff.

The exhibit hall was full, the sessions generated great discussion and participants produced a working document with unique pollution prevention strategies. "Our Tennessee Pollution Prevention Partnership



*Charles Jobe (right), Environmental Coordinator with the Nashville Environmental Field Office, presents Raymond Higgs with a certificate to recognize Cummins Filtration Systems of Cookeville for achieving Partner level status in TP3 at the recent P2 Conference.*



*Deputy Commissioner Paul Sloan (second from far left) joins representatives of Performer level companies in the Tennessee Pollution Prevention Partnership (TP3) at the recent P2 Conference at Montgomery Bell State Park.*

(TP3) members' active participation made this a tremendously successful conference," said Karen Grubbs, OEA manager for education and outreach. "TP3 Partners and Performers demonstrate what it means to go beyond compliance," noted Deputy Commissioner Paul Sloan in his morning presentation. "TP3 achievers have enlisted a higher order of commitment and performance. They bring their companies and employees through a process that strengthens the company, improves the environment and increases the understanding of what we all must do to create cleaner air, purer water and better protected land in Tennessee." For more information on TP3 visit [www.tdec.net/ea/tp3](http://www.tdec.net/ea/tp3).

## Department Hosts SOCM Members

Deputy Commissioner Paul Sloan met with Save Our Cumberland Mountains (SOCM) representatives on September 18. Discussion items included the effects of cross-ridge surface mining in East Tennessee and the protection of watersheds that supply water resources to all parts of Tennessee. The group also addressed future water supply needs for communities and activities on the Cumberland Plateau. SOCM is a grassroots advocacy group working for social, environmental and economic justice in the Appalachian region.



*Deputy Commissioner Paul Sloan recently met with Save Our Cumberland Mountains (SOCM) representatives to discuss issues of shared interest. (l-r) Kathy Nealon, SOCM; Lauren McGrath, SOCM; Landon Medley, SOCM; Wanda Hodge; Deputy Commissioner Paul Sloan; Alan Leiserson, TDEC Legal Services Director.*

## Department Developing “Green” Cabins for David Crockett State Park

Commissioner Fyke recently traveled to Lawrenceburg to share the keynote address at the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet. He was the special guest speaker as area residents look forward to celebrating the 50th Anniversary of David Crockett State Park in 2007. David Crockett’s campsites, popular restaurant and Olympic size swimming pool currently make it one of the major attractions and recreation opportunities in Lawrence County. David Crockett has been a resilient park too – just like its namesake. The site has survived a 500-year flood, ice storms and an occasionally swollen Shoal Creek to remain a location that serves almost three-quarters of a million people each year. Each year the park hosts David Crockett Days featuring a themed celebration of the frontiersman’s birthday with period goods, music and a birthday black-powder salute to David Crockett.

One much anticipated update Commissioner Fyke shared with the audience was the development of new, deluxe cabins at David Crockett. The department is currently in the design phase for building ten high-quality cabins that will serve the community and attract park visitors through this \$2.25 million capital project. “Just as we are proud of the 19th century history and traditions kept alive by our park, we also know there are things we need to do to make sure David Crockett and Lawrence County grow and thrive in the 21st century,” said Commissioner Fyke. These high quality, deluxe cabins will feature ability to sleep eight people with two bedrooms, two baths, full service kitchen, combined dining/family area with large decks that offer a view of the park’s Lake Lindsey. “Our department is also very excited that these cabins will be designed and built according to energy efficient principles,” noted Commissioner Fyke. “In fact, these cabins will be the first-ever Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified facilities ever built for State Parks.” LEED certification is a Green Building standard reflecting a commitment to and execution of Energy Efficiency design concepts and construction practices. These cabins will be designed, built and used so they are more efficient than our standard facilities in how they use water and electricity. Each will also incorporate innovative ways to handle indoor issues like air quality and ventilation. Construction will involve environmentally preferable building products and techniques for insulation, windows, lighting, mechanical heating and cooling plus water heating and appliances. The department plans for these cabins to be a showcase of environmentally sensitive and energy efficient design for state parks and state government.

“We believe that a LEED certified design for David Crockett’s cabins is a logical next step for Tennessee State Parks as we try to lead by example,” said Fyke. “Therefore, it just makes sense to design and build these new cabins at David Crockett in a way that makes them attractive to visitors and sensitive to the natural surroundings at the park.” For more information on David Crockett visit [www.tnstateparks.com/DavidCrockettSP](http://www.tnstateparks.com/DavidCrockettSP).



## Port Royal State Park Designated as Official Site on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail

Port Royal State Park in Montgomery County has received designation from the National Park Service as an official site on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. The Trail of Tears commemorates the forced removal of Native Americans from their homelands in the Southeastern United States and the paths they traveled westward in the 1830s.

Port Royal is the site of one of Tennessee's earliest communities and trading centers and was a major point along the main route taken by the Cherokee traveling from Nashville to the Ohio River. Diary records of the removal mentioned Port Royal, the last stop before leaving Tennessee, as an encampment site where the Cherokee stayed overnight or longer to re-supply, grind corn and rest.

Both water and land routes crossing nine states comprise the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, established by the U.S. Congress in 1987 to acknowledge the significance of this tragic event in the nation's history. The National Park Service works with federal agencies, state and local governments, organizations, tribes and private individuals as partners to administer the national historic trail.

Port Royal State Park becomes the second Tennessee State Park to be named an official site on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, joining Red Clay State Historic Park in Bradley County. Other official sites in Tennessee include Audubon Acres, Brainerd Mission Cemetery and the Chattanooga Regional History Museum in Chattanooga and the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore.

John Conoboy, Chief of Interpretation for the National Trails System Office, and Aaron Mahr, National Park Service Historian, made the trip to Tennessee from Sante Fe, New Mexico to certify Port Royal as an official site on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. John and Aaron also met with Environment and Conservation Commissioner Jim Fyke, State Parks' staff and leaders from the Tennessee Trail of Tears Association to discuss other opportunities for partnership in raising awareness of this important site and historic trail. For more information about the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, visit [www.nps.gov/trte](http://www.nps.gov/trte).



(l-r) Assistant Commissioner Mike Carlton; Commissioner's Council on Greenways and Trails member Bob Brown; National Park Service Historian Aaron Mahr, Environment and Conservation Commissioner Jim Fyke; Tennessee Trail of Tears Association Director Doris Trevino.

Aaron Mahr, National Park Service Historian for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, presented a certificate denoting the official designation of Port Royal State Park to Park Manager Bob Wells on September 19. (l-r) Sarah Johnson; C.D. Allen; Carl Gadsey; Don Bledsoe; Bob Wells, Port Royal Park Manager; Aaron Mahr, National Park Service Historian; Murray Crow, State Parks' Regional Manager; Jack Gilpin, State Parks; David Britton; Jill Hastings-Johnson; and Gina Slater.





## Mark Your Calendar for Major Department Events in October



### October 4

**Change a Light Day**



### October 10

**State Employees' Breast Cancer Survivor Ceremony** at the Millenium Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville.

### October 13-14

**Tennessee History Festival** at Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park

### October 20-22

**25th Annual Fall Festival and Pow Wow** at Long Hunter State Park.

### October 21

**Americana Folk Festival** at Montgomery Bell State Park.

### October 24

**Bioenergy and Rural Development Summit** at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

### October 27-28

**Friends of Tennessee State Parks Annual Conference** at Montgomery Bell State Park.

### Governor Substitutes Friday After Thanksgiving for Columbus Day

The Columbus Day holiday will be observed November 26, the day after Thanksgiving. Columbus Day, on October 9, will be a regular workday.

## Mark Stanfill to Lead New Tennessee Youth Conservation Corps

Last year Governor Bredesen proposed the creation of the Tennessee Youth Conservation Corps (TNYCC), a program to engage young people in meaningful conservation and environmental education projects at Tennessee State Parks. The General Assembly funded the startup for TNYCC in the department's FY06-07 budget. With dollars identified, Tennessee State Parks has moved forward with the selection of Mark Stanfill as TNYCC Program Coordinator.

"With our program goal to involve Tennessee youth in effective conservation and resource management activities on state lands, we wanted to select a program coordinator who had experience organizing young people and a track record of successful project management," said Assistant Commissioner Mike Carlton. "Mark is a high energy person who brings skills in planning, coordinating and directing major projects."

Mark is a native of Hardin County and U.S. Navy veteran. He previously served in a seasonal position as Assistant to the State Parks Trails Administrator and Program Coordinator for the Cumberland Trail Conference. At the Conference, Mark was responsible for the annual Big Dig trail building activities on the Cumberland Trail. While he holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in business from Middle Tennessee State University, Mark has demonstrated a longstanding passion for backpacking, hiking and trail building. He has hiked the entire Appalachian Trail and logged more than 400 miles in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Mark officially started his TNYCC Program Coordinator position on September 1 with an office at Montgomery Bell State Park, and he is currently identifying potential projects for the first group of TNYCC participants. "The TNYCC will provide an opportunity for young people to learn new skills and the importance of natural resource conservation by doing meaningful work," said Stanfill. "It is my goal that the TNYCC will offer a range of projects that complement TDEC and its divisions when we officially launch TNYCC in Spring 2007." Mark plans to keep department staff informed on TNYCC activities by developing a new Web page and keeping his inbox open to suggestions and comments. You can contact Mark at [mark.stanfill@state.tn.us](mailto:mark.stanfill@state.tn.us).



*Mark Stanfill is the Program Coordinator for the new Tennessee Youth Conservation Corps (TNYCC).*

## Cumberland Mountain's Kelvin Burgin Takes TPGA Section Title

Cumberland Mountain Head Golf Professional Kelvin Burgin overcame challenging conditions and a deeply talented field to win the Tennessee PGA Section Championship by posting a -1 under par for the 3-day event. The 54-hole tournament was played September 18-20 on the demanding Bear Trace at Cumberland Mountain course in Crossville. Kelvin locked down the title by scoring a birdie on the last hole of the tournament – the only birdie that hole 18 yielded during the final round. Kelvin earned \$7,000 for winning the championship and an automatic spot in the 2007 Stanford St. Jude Classic to be held in Memphis next June. “I congratulate Kelvin on his solid, consistent play at Cumberland Mountain,” said Tennessee State Parks Golf Director Jim Webb. “Having two head pros from the Tennessee Golf Trail finish in the top five at the TPGA Section Championship reflects the quality of golf professionals you will find at our courses.” Warriors’ Path Head Golf Professional Mark Houser finished in a tie for fifth place overall at +5 over par, after shooting -1 under par in the final round.



*Todd Havron presents Cumberland Mountain Head Golf Professional Kelvin Burgin with \$7,000 winners check and trophy for capturing the 38th Annual Regions Bank TPGA Section Championship.*

## Additional September Service Anniversaries

### 10 Years

**Naullain Kendrick**, GWP, Columbia EFO  
**Steve Lomax**, GWP, Columbia EFO

### 20 Years

**Steven Wilson**, UST, Knoxville EFO

### 40 Years

**Harold Deep**, GWP, Chattanooga EFO

### 50 Years

**Charles Maberry**, GWP, Cookeville EFO

## October Service Anniversaries

### 5 Years

**Timmy Hodge**, Montgomery Bell State Park  
**Rich Stallard**, WPC, Knoxville EFO  
**Jesse Tipping**, Montgomery Bell State Park  
**Harold B. Whitehead**, Financial Responsibility, Central

### 10 Years

**Pam Herald**, Montgomery Bell State Park  
**Kenneth Ivey**, East Tennessee Maintenance  
**Sasikala Krishnasarma**, Radiological Health, Central  
**Faith Margulies**, *The Tennessee Conservationist*  
**Mary B. Mitchell**, Fiscal Services

### 15 Years

**Douglas Brady**, SWM, Cookeville, EFO  
**Richard Bunch**, Admin., Chattanooga EFO  
**Malek Faradji**, SWM, Central  
**Dilraj Mokha**, SWM, Central

**Hassan Ali Sanaat**, WPC, Knoxville EFO

### 20 Years

**Troy Clark**, Tims Ford State Park  
**Dale Rector**, DOE Oversight, Oak Ridge  
**Michael Renfro**, Natchez Trace State Park  
**Michael Ricker**, Panther Creek State Park  
**James Spicer**, SWM, Columbia EFO

### 25 Years

**Darrell Hartsfield**, Montgomery Bell State Park  
**Dan Hawkins**, Remediation, Knoxville EFO  
**Joe Holmes**, Columbia EFO  
**Prabhakar Pallapothu**, Remediation, Central  
**Ron Potts**, SWM, Jackson EFO

### 30 Years

**Bob James**, GWP, Columbia EFO

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